



Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors

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Dear Neighbour,

Forth Replacement Crossing - Northern Road Network

We, FCBC, the contractor working on the Forth Replacement Crossing principal contract on behalf of Transport Scotland, would like to update you with this summary of our current activities on the road network North of the Forth and a description of what we will be doing in the forthcoming months in the area.

Firstly we would like to draw your attention to the project website, www.forthreplacementcrossing.info where you can find information such as 3 month look ahead programmes (which are refreshed every month), minutes of community forum meetings, flyers and newsletters to help you keep track of events and progress.

General Activities

Progress has been good despite the adverse weather conditions. The reason for this is because we have been working with materials, namely, rock and spent colliery shale, which perform very well in wet weather.

The bulk of the work on the north section has been at Whinny Hill rock outcrop which we are blasting, excavating and using as infill to the new Ferry Toll embankment. This activity will continue to the end of October 2012 as a minimum. Rock from the area around St Margaret's Hope has also been used as infill. We expect the St Margaret's Hope blasting to be completed by mid September.

Also, we've been improving the soils underlying the new embankment which will be up to 25 metres high on completion making it one of the highest road embankments in Scotland. The measures include soil improvement, effectively creating a series of underground concrete walls to increase the bearing capabilities of the soil. Work will continue on the construction of the Ferrytoll embankment into the early part of 2013, with more soil improvement at the low level to be followed by infilling above.

Structural work is also underway around Ferrytoll with foundations for FT 05 (Ferry Toll structure No 5), the bridge which will carry the realigned B981 over the Rosyth docks railway, complete, and fixing of wall reinforcement, shuttering and concrete underway. This is the first of eight new structures at Ferrytoll which will be built over the course of the next three years.

Over the same period, earthworks, roadworks, drainage and service diversion work

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will be carried out, generally off-line, and not affecting the existing road network.

At an appropriate time, we will invite the general public to attend presentations which will demonstrate how we will construct the junction and its approaches, showing how and when we intend to tie in to the existing road network, in such a way as to keep disruption to pedestrians and road users to an absolute minimum.

Timing and Hours of Work

Hours of work are currently 08:00 to 19:00 Monday to Friday and 08:00 to 18:00 on Saturday and these will continue as long as light permits, reducing as we approach the winter months. If we require to work outwith these hours we shall seek permission from Transport Scotland and local councils and, if permission is granted, we will inform affected residents.

The works as described above are an essential part of the overall Forth Replacement Crossing project, which is necessary due to concerns over the long term viability of the existing road bridge. The new crossing will maintain a vital link in the east of Scotland road network which is key to the wider Scottish economy.

We would like to take this opportunity to apologise, in advance, for any inconvenience our activities may cause and also to thank you for your patience and consideration to date.

Contact Information

For up to date information on the project please see Transport Scotland's FRC project website www.forthreplacementcrossing.info.

Should you have any queries, please contact our email enquiries@forthreplacementcrossing.info or our Hotline on 0800 078 6910.

In addition, our temporary Contact and Education Centre, currently located in the Forth Road Bridge offices on the south side of the existing Forth Road Bridge is manned 09:00hrs to 17:30hrs, Monday to Friday, and Saturdays 10:00hrs to 16:00hrs to deal with enquiries and to supply information.

Issued to – Residents in the vicinity of the road network connections to the north of the Forth Replacement Crossing project.

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